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19 July 1951

SUBJECT: Re-supply Mission, LCBatland, 16-17 July 1951

TO: Chief, BGRhythm
Washington, D.C.

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1. Forwarded under separate cover is the de-briefing report of the re-supply mission successfully staged on the night of 16-17 July 1951 to the Pinetree reinforcement team. Your attention is invited to the fact that this marks the first direct contact BGFiend has made with any team infiltrated to date. There is, also, the chance that the beginning of an underground net or reception organization has been realized. Proof will follow in other successful supply drops to this area or from some news straight from this team. BGFiend is preparing to capitalize on such a break. In this respect it is to be noted that the coming infiltration places one team the briefest of distances from Pinetree and that the two areas are linked with safe houses reported by HTNeigh. Also, there is a growing probability that [] will provide two more bodies of a calibre equal to Pinetree which can be dropped to the Pinetree reception base to assist and to establish communications with BGFiend in the form of a courier run. In the event a trained W/T operator is available from the Wangness school, he will be sent in at the same time to establish W/T communications. Either or both of these plans should substantially aid the expansion of a reception organization to useful proportions and put an end to blind drops.

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MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Re-supply Drop, Pinetree Team, LCBatland,
16-17 July 1951

TO: []

FROM: []

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1. The Pinetree team, a reinforcement pair dropped at 0110 hours on 19 May 1951 in the ZRShower area, was successfully resupplied by air in four passes over DZ #4 between 0045 and 0100 hours, 17 July. The reception signals and drop fires were precisely as briefed. Twelve containers were dispatched; (see attachment for contents).

2. This was the first successful re-supply operation to be staged by BGFiend and, hence, marks the first direct contact. Like the June attempts this flight encountered no Batland reaction whatsoever. Drops were made in clear weather, smooth air, bright moonlight, visibility of 15 miles, and surface winds from calm to slight. The actual target was removed $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of the ledge on Iden (10) to a flat in the saddle of the 1335 and 1502 meter peaks. It will be recalled that the triangular pattern of fires in the June 19th attempt appeared on this bare ledge, and because the pattern was in error and the signals indistinguishable no drop was made. This time the reception arrangements were unmistakable.

3. The flight departed LCDrink at 2110 hours local time on 16 July, ascended to 5,000 feet ASL cruising altitude, headed through the Iden (1), and passed west of Iden (2) to a position at Iden (16), and thence to 41 degrees 10 minutes North 18 degrees 40 minutes East. Climbing to 9,000 feet (indicated), the true heading was altered to 53 degrees. At 0015 hours LCBatland was entered over the mouth of Iden A; the course was changed to 68 degrees, and the Iden (19) was intersected near Iden B at 0028 hours. Following the river and meanwhile letting down to 6,000 feet ASL, ZRShower was reached at 0034 hours. Here, over the blocked-out city, a large circular course was commenced that took the flight over DZ #1 (Iden 6) at 0036 and DZ #2 (Iden 9) at 0040 hours. Both locations were desolate.

4. The entire region, including both sides of the TFRoach frontier, was dark with the notable exception of Iden C. ZRShower and the surrounding countryside were completely unlighted. Only rarely was a

shepherd's or Woodsman's fire seen. However, approaching DZ #4 at 0044 hours, single, unflickering lights - not believed to be fires - were spotted in a broad, crescent-shaped area from ZRShower (south of the river) to the flanks of the target. There were perhaps no more than a half-dozen such lights; but nowhere between the coast and the target had such lights appeared to so punctuate the dark expanses of LCBatland. (This unexpected display could have been the work of ground look-outs posted to serve as guides to the target).

5. Nearing the ledge of Iden (10) from northeast to southeast, fires in the distinct form of the letter "L" were seen to the left of course in the dip between the adjoining heights which were $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of the dominant Iden (10). Flying between 5-6,000 feet altitude ASL, the aircraft turned to the left and approached the reception area some 400 feet over the terrain. There was just enough space between the peaks of the rugged land to make a turn possible. Decelerated to dropping speeds the first three bundles were jettisoned at 0045 hours. The clearing selected for receiving was noted to be approximately 150 yards long and 80 yards wide. One signal light flashed the proper code from the short end of the "L" letter-figure exactly as briefed. The DZ, an opening amidst heavy forests, was such that a steep pull-up was necessary after every pass to clear the ridge that joined the two slopes on the eastern end of the run (from west to east).

6. Four bundles were dropped during the second run. As the last container and parachute were shoved through the doorway in that order, the risers jammed tightly between the floor of the aircraft and the door frame (a space no more than an eighth or quarter of an inch) and the parachute flared open. All this happened in an instant. Part of the parachute remained billowed inside the cabin. The dispatcher immediately cut the static line and attempted to free the risers from the crack. But the force of the container's short but free plunge and the drag induced by the slipstream wedged the risers and a part of the parachute so solidly that they could not be budged. Meanwhile, the aircraft lost altitude and additional speed and the pilot found it exceedingly difficult to maintain control of the aircraft. Had the container not snapped free there would have been grave doubt that the aircraft could have avoided the trees and the rising ridge dead ahead. Once clear of the ridge top the pilot thrust the nose forward and regained a speed more flyable than a near-stall. The remnants of the parachute, lines, and chute-pack, trailed (and flailed) from the door to the tail. (At this date it has not been satisfactorily determined whether the parachute opened before the risers were caught or vice versa.)

7. Nevertheless, two more runs were made and the remaining seven bundles were dropped. The aircraft departed the area at 0101 hours and arrived over ZRShower at 0105 hours. Some 10,000 Jayhawk leaflets

were dropped from a position 4-6 miles northwest of ZRShower from 7,000 feet indicated altitude. Course-out was set at 234 degrees. A slight deviation was made to enable the aircraft to pass by the DZ. This time all the unblinking lights that had flanked the general area (para 4 above) had disappeared. One dying fire remained at the reception base.

8. Another 10,000 Jayhawk leaflets were distributed in the vicinity of Iden D near the coast at 0130 hours. Altitude was 8,000 feet indicated. The lights of Iden (20), (15), (13), and the shore area of Iden E were visible at this hour, but Iden F was noted to be blacked out. Also, the same three concentrations of strong lights reported in paragraph 4 of 581-CAGWU were observed. They were more powerful than the lights of Iden (20), and this time a fourth, but smaller, concentration joined the generally semi-circular pattern.

9. Exit was made north of Iden G at 0133 hours. The course was direct to 40 degrees 30 minutes North 18 degrees 30 minutes East from whence reciprocal headings were followed home. The aircraft landed LCDRink at 0425 hours.

10. The total flight time was 7 hours 15 minutes; time within LCBatland: 1 hour 18 minutes; time over DZ: 17 minutes.

11. It is to be noted that from the time of the accident (to the door-frame and parachute) the mission was flown at speeds between 120 and 130 mph. The door was lashed closed and the frame, now badly sprung, secured with ropes to prevent a further accident, possibly to the tail surfaces should the door rip away.

12. Once rolled to a stop on the home runway, crew members tried again to haul in the dangling parachute. It had to be slashed in order to frisk it out of view of aerodrome personnel. Note: the damage to the aircraft was later found to be minor and within 48 hours completely repaired.

13. As a part of this debriefing a drawing of the DZ, a sketch of the target area in relation to Iden (10), and an overlay of the course flown are enclosed.

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Attachment #5 to 629-CAGWU, dtd 19 July

CONTAINER LIST

(The following is a list of contents dropped to the Pinetree Reinforcement team. Two small torches of the type fastened to Mae Wests were tied to each container to aid recovery. The debriefing disclosed that all lights but 2 functioned. The weight of each container was approximately 50 pounds.)

#1 to #3 4 Schmeissers w/3 clips per weapon ✓
500 Rds ammo.
Needles, soap, razor blades, towels, socks, C rations,
sulfa drugs, thread, morphine serettes.
(5 Gold Sovereigns in each of ten containers)

#4 4 Lugers w/2 clips and holsters ✓
500 Rds ammo
Needles, soap, thread, razor blades, 2 towels,
sulfa drugs, morphine serettes, Vitamin pills.
4 Prs. trousers
4 Jackets
2 Overcoats
4 Flannel shirts
6 Pr. underclothes
C Rations
10 German sheath knives ✓
5 G.P's

#5 2 Lugers ~~w/2~~ clips each, w/holsters ✓
500 Rds. ammo.
2 Pr. trousers, 2 jackets
2 Flannel shirts
2 Schmeissers w/3 clips each ✓
2 Pr. Sterile boots
Soap, sulfa drugs, needles, thread, razor blades,
Vitamin pills, morphine serettes
C rations
5 G.P's
2 Overcoats
6 Pr. Heavy wool socks

#6 2 Schmeissers w/3 clips per weapon ✓
500 Rds ammo.
2 Lugers w/2 clips and holsters ✓
1 carton razor blades
10 packages needles,
2 Pr. Pants, 2 shirts, 1 undershirt, 1 pr. drawers,
1 Overcoat, 1 pr. shoes
12 Bars soap, 1 pkg. flashlight batteries
1 Pkg. Sulpher diazine
2 Units rations
1 Pack board

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#7 2 Schmeissers w/3 clips per weapon
500 Rds ammo.
2 Luger w/2 clips and holsters ✓
1 Pack board, 1 box razor blades, 10 pkg needles
1 Pkg Sulphur diazine
2 Units Rations
12 Bars Soap
2 Prs pants, 2 shirts, 1 pr. shoes

#8 2 Schmeissers w/3 clips per weapon ✓
500 Rds ammo.
2 Luger w/2 clips and holsters ✓
1 Pack board
1 Box razor blades, 10 packages needles
1 Pkg. Sulphur diazine
2 Units rations
12 Bars soap
1 Pr. pants, 1 shirt, 1 pr. shoes, 1 undershirt,
1 underdrawers
1 Overcoat
12 Spools thread.

#9 1 Schmeisser w/3 clips ✓
1000 Rds ammo
2 Luger w/2 clips and holster
1 Pack board
1 Box razor blades, 10 pkgs needles
1 Pkg. Sulphur Diazine
2 Rations
12 Bars soap
10 Spools threat
1 Pr shoes, 2 pr. pants, 2 shirts, 2 undershirts
1 Jacket

#10 2 Luger w/2 clips and holsters ✓
1000 Rds Ammo.
1 Pack board
1 Box razor blades, 10 pkgs needles
1 Pkg Sulphur Diazone
4 Units rations
12 Bars Soap
10 Spools thread
1 Pr Shoes, 1 Pr pants, 1 shirt

#11 2000 Rds ammo.
4 Pkgs rations
25 Lbs Dry biscuits
20 Spools thread

#12 2000 Rds ammo. ✓
4 Pkgs rations, 25 lbs Dry Biscuits
20 Spools thread

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